

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application and stand subject to a restriction requirement in view of the Examiner's opinion that they are directed to ten patentably distinct species. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's requirement but, pursuant to the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 121, hereby provisionally elects with traverse claims 1-7 for prosecution on the merits. Should the Examiner make the restriction requirement final and withdraw claims 9-21, Applicant hereby expressly reserves the right to present the withdrawn claims as well as any other claims directed to originally filed subject matter in related continuation and divisional applications.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully urges the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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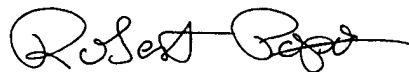
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